Digital Audio Recorder

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SBM Super Bit Mapping

PCM-R300

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WARNING

To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not expose the unit to rain or moisture.

To avoid electrical shock, do not open the cabinet. Refer servicing to qualified personnel only.

For the customers in the **United States**





This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.



This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

Owner's Record

The model and serial numbers are located on the rear of the unit. Record the serial number in the space provided below. Refer to them whenever you call upon your Sony dealer regarding this product.

Model No. PCM-R300 Serial No. _

INFORMATION

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules.

These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

CAUTION

You are cautioned that any changes or modifications not expressly approved in this manual could void your authority to operate this equipment.

For the customers in Canada

CAUTION

TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT USE THIS POLARIZED AC PLUG WITH AN EXTENSION CORD, RECEPTACLE OR OTHER OUTLET UNILESS THE BLADES CAN BE FULLY INSERTED TO PREVENT BLADE EXPOSURE.

Voor de klanten in Nederland



Bij dit produkt zijn batterijen geleverd. Wanneer deze leeg zijn, moet u ze niet weggooien maar inleveren als KCA.

Welcome!

Thank you for purchasing the Sony Digital Audio Recorder. Before operating the unit, please read this manual thoroughly and retain it for future reference.

The PCM-R300 has the following features:

- · SBM (Super Bit Mapping) function
- · Three sampling frequencies (48 kHz, 44.1 kHz, 32 kHz)
- · Recording and playback in long-play mode
- · Sub codes
 - Start IDs, skip IDs, an end ID, and program numbers written to the tape allow you to locate tracks quickly
- · Easy menu operations using the SELECT and DATA buttons that allows you to make various settings
- · Error rate counter
- · See-through cassette compartment lid A sec-through cassette compartment lid that allows you to view tape operations during playback and recording
- · Rack mount adaptor

About This Manual

The instructions in this manual are for PCM-R300.

Conventions

Instructions in this manual describe the controls on the deck.

The following icons are used in this manual:



Indicates useful information or tips that make a task easier.



Indicates a task that requires use of the remote.

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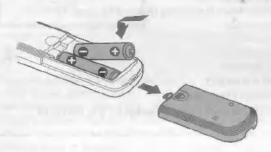
Unpacking

Check that you have received the following supplied items:

- AC power cord (1)
- Remote commander (remote) RM-D757 (1)
- Size-AA (R6) batteries (2)
- Rack mount adaptors (2)
- Screws (M5 × 12) (4)
- · Decorative washers (4)
- Decorative panel (1)
- Tapping screws (3 = 8) (2)
- Operating instructions (1)

Inserting batteries into the remote

Insert two size-AA (R6) batteries, matching the + and on the batteries with the markings inside the battery compartment.





When to replace the batteries

With normal use, batteries should last for about 6 months. When the remote no longer operates the deck, replace both batteries.

Notes

- Do not leave the remote near an extremely hot or humid place.
- Do not drop any foreign matter into the remote casing, particularly when replacing the batteries.
- Do not expose the remote sensor to direct sunlight or illumination as doing so may cause malfunction.
- When not using the remote for an extended period of time, remove the batteries to avoid possible damage from battery leakage and corrosion.

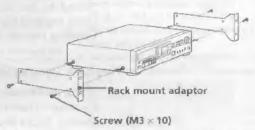
Rack Mounting

You can use the supplied rack mount adaptor to install your deck in a 19-inch 3U-size rack. Be sure to turn the deck off before you install it.

1 Remove the screws (M3 × 10) from the sides of the deck.



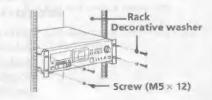
Position the rack mount adaptors onto the sides of the deck as shown below and secure them with the screws removed in step 1.



3 If necessary, attach the decorative panel with the tapping screws (3 x 8).
The decorative panel covers the space that forms below the deck.

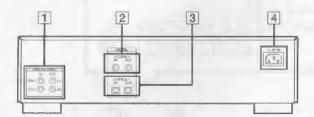


4 Insert the deck into the rack and secure it with the supplied decorative washers and screws (M5 × 12).



Hooking Up the System

This section describes how to hook up your deck to an amplifier, CD player, MD deck, or other audio components. Be sure to turn off the power to each component before making the connections.



- 1 ANALOG (LINE) IN/OUT jacks
- [2] DIGITAL COAXIAL IN/OUT jacks
- 3 DIGITAL OPTICAL IN/OUT jacks
- [4] ACIN socket

Analog connections

Use phono-plug audio connecting cables (not supplied).

Digital connections

For connections through the DIGITAL COAXIAL IN/

Use coaxial digital connecting cables (not supplied).

For connections through the DIGITAL OPTICAL IN/ OUT jacks

Use optical digital connecting cables (not supplied).

Connecting the AC power cord

Connect the AC power cord (supplied) to the AC IN socket on the rear panel and connect the plug on the other end to a wall outlet.

Digital Interface

Digital input and output jacks

- The following table shows signal formats that correspond to the input and output jacks on the deck.
- The DIGITAL COAXIAL IN jack accepts not only the consumer version of the IEC-958 international digital audio interface standard, but also the broadcasting studio version of the IEC-958 standard used by such DAT decks as the PCM-2300, PCM-2700 or PCM-2700A.

Туре	Input signal format	Output signal format
DIGITAL COAXIAL/ OPTICAL	IEC-958 for consumer use	JEC-958 for
DIGITAL COAXIAL	IEC-958 for broadcasting studio use	consumer use

Copy information during recording

- Copy information that is recorded on tape during recording varies according to the input jack used and the signal format, as shown in the table below.
- In the case of the IEC-958 for broadcasting studio use, the digital signal carries no copy information.
- As for the IEC-958 for consumer use, three types of copy information exists: copying possible, firstgeneration copy permitted, and copying prohibited (Serial Copy Management System).

Input jack	Signal format	Copy information carried by digital signal	Recording capability on this deck	Copy information recorded on tape
	IEC-958 for broadcasting studio use	None .	Possible	Determined by menu setting (page 19)
DIGITAL COAXIAL/ OPTICAL	() - / - / - / - / - / - / - / - / - / -	Permitted	Possible	Permitted (ID 6:00)
	IEC-958 for consumer use	First- generation only	Possible	Prohibited (ID 6:10)
		Prohibited	Possible	Prohibited (ID 6:10)
ANALOG (LINE)	-	_	Possible	Determined by menu setting (page 19)

Automatic writing of start IDs during recording

- When the AUTO indicator lights up in the display during recording, the automatic writing of start IDs takes place according to the input jack used and the signal format, as shown in the table below.
- You can select the trigger for the automatic writing of start IDs such as an audio input signal level, a DAT start ID code, or a Q-code from a CD track by menu settings (see pages 19 and 20).

O: automatic writing possible

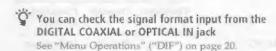
#: automatic writing prohibited

Input	Signal	Auto	Automatic writing according to			
jack	format (Category code)	audi inpu level	t	DAT start ID ^{b)}	Q-code from a CD track	
DIGITAL COAXIAL	IEC-958 fo broadcasti studio use		0	Qci	х	
		(DAT)	0.	0	*	
COAXIAL/ for OPTICAL con use		(CD)	0	×	(Oa)	
	use	(Other)	0	36	×	
ANALOG	LINE)		0	×	×	

- a) If the input level remains under the level set in the "L-SY TH" menu longer than the time set in the "L-SY BK" menu (see page 19), the deck writes a start ID when the input level rises above that level.
- b) DAT skip IDs are automatically written in the same way.
- c) Only when connected to the PCM-2300, PCM-2700, or PCM-2700A.
- d)Some CD players do not output track information (Q-code) in the digital signal.

Digital signal lock range

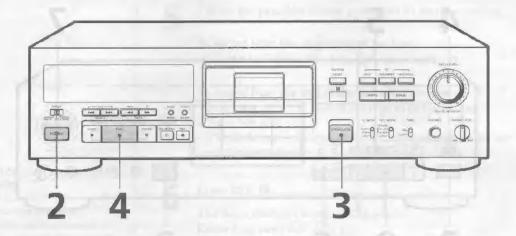
- The lock range of a digital signal (signal reception range) is about ±0.1% for a sampling frequency of 48 kHz, 44.1 kHz, or 32 kHz. Variable pitch signals are not receivable.
- When the digital input sampling frequency information does not match the actual sampling frequency, it is possible to record that signal if you change the REC MODE switch on the front panel to the actual sampling frequency of the signal.



Where do I go next?

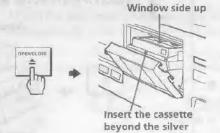
Now you're ready to use your deck. For basic operations, go to pages 7 to 9; for advanced operations, go to the sections starting from page 10.

Playing a Tape a no phibrosell



See page 5 for hookup information.

- Turn on the amplifier and set the source selector to the position
- Press POWER.



Do not close the cassette holder without pressing OPEN/CLOSE ♠.

Press PLAY ▶.

The deck starts playing. Adjust the volume on the amplifier.

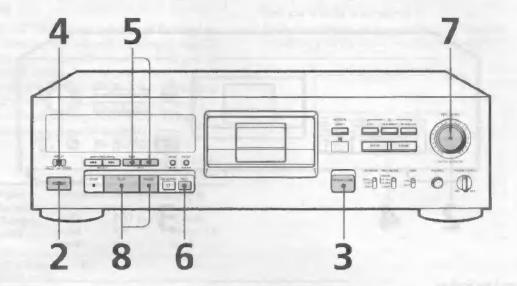
To	Press
Step playing	STOP ■
Pause playing	PAUSE II. Press the button again or press PLAY be to resume play.
Go to the next track or the preceding track	►► (AMS) or ► (AMS)
Fast-forward or rewind	►► (FF) or ◄ (REW) when the deck is stopped
Fast-forward or rewind while monitoring the sound	▶▶ (FF) or ◀◀ (REW) during playback. Release the button to resume normal playback.
Take out the cassette	OPEN/CLOSE



To use headphones

Connect them to the PHONES jack. Use PHONE LEVEL to adjust the volume.

Recording on a Tape



See page 5 for hookup information.

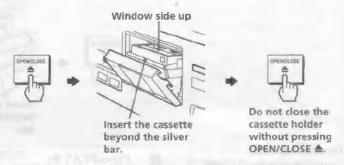


You can monitor the input signal (Source Monitor function)

- 1 Do steps 1 and 2 on this page.
- 2 Skip steps 3 and 5, and do steps 4 and 6. When you press the REC . button, "NO TAPE" and "SOURCE" appear in the display and you can monitor the program source connected to the selected input connector.

Turn on the amplifier and play the program source you want to record.

Press POWER.

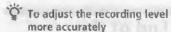


Set INPUT to the corresponding input connector.

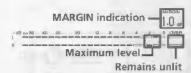
To record through	Set INPUT to	
ANALOG (LINE) IN	ANALOG	
DIGITAL OPTICAL IN	OPT	
DIGITAL COAXIAL IN	COAXIAL	

"If "UNLOCK" appears in the display

The program source is not connected to the deck properly or is not turned on. Make sure that the program source is properly connected or turned on.



While monitoring the sound, turn REC LEVEL CH-1 (L)/2 (R) so that the recording level on the peak level meters is at maximum level without entering the OVER range.



The segments of the peak level meters corresponding to the maximum signal strength remain lit longer than normal. The MARGIN indication shows the margin between maximum signal strength and 0 dB, changing each time a stronger signal is input.

If the level exceeds 0 dB

The segments under the OVER indicator light up, and "0.0dB" flashes in the display. If these segments light steadily, sound distortion may occur. To avoid this, keep the recording level between -12 dB and 0 dB.

To reset the margin indication

Press MARGIN RESET. The margin indication changes to "--dB".

Locate the position where you want to start recording.

To record from the beginning of the tape

Press (REW) to rewind the tape to its beginning.

To record from the end of the recorded portion

- 1 Press (REW) to rewind the tape to its beginning.
- 2 Press >> (FF).

The deck locates the end of the recorded portion on the tape and stops automatically.

6 Press REC ●.

The deck changes to recording pause. Recording does not start yet.

When recording the analog input signal, adjust the recording level with REC LEVEL CH-1 (L)/2 (R).

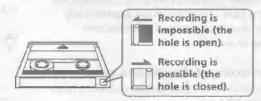
The recommended recording level is 3.

- Press PAUSE II or PLAY ▶.
 Recording starts.
- a of the second second
- Start playing the program source.
 When the tape reaches the end, the deck rewinds it automatically to its beginning and stops (Auto Rewind).

То	Press
Stop recording	STOP
Pause recording	PAUSE II. Press the button again to resume recording.
Take out the cassette	OPEN/CLOSE after stopping recording

To prevent accidental erasure

Slide the record-protect tab to the left as shown in the illustration below.



If you insert the cassette whose hole is open and press the REC • button, "PROTECT" appears in the display and the recording cannot be done.

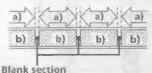
Things You Should Know Before Recording

The difference between a blank section and a sound-muted section

The deck distinguishes between two kinds of silent sections, which are respectively called a "blank section" or "sound-muted section".

Blank section

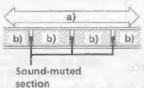
This is a section on which no signal has ever been recorded



a): Recording b): Track

Sound-muted section

This is a section on which a signal has been recorded but at a level that is not audible.



a): Recording b): Track

Important

Make sure no blank sections are created while you are recording. The existence of blank sections within recorded material will make search operations using the Idd/>>I (AMS) buttons impossible or destroy the continuity of the absolute time codes.

Absolute time codes

Absolute time codes indicate the elapsed time from the beginning of the tape. These codes are automatically recorded. Note that once recorded, absolute time codes cannot be re-written.

For accurate recording of absolute time codes

- If the tape is blank, make sure to start recording from the beginning of the tape.
- Use Record Muting (see page 12) to insert spaces between tracks. Do not advance the tape with the PLAY ➤ or ➤► (FF) button.
- To start recording from the middle of a tape, use End Search (see this page) to locate the end of the recorded portion. This will prevent the creation of blank sections.

If the EMPHASIS indicator lights up in the display

The deck is recording a digital signal with emphasis (in the higher frequencies). The recording will also contain the same emphasis.

If the deck is left in recording pause for more than 10 minutes

Recording pause will be released automatically, the deck will stop for the sake of tape protection and "SOURCE" will appear in the display.

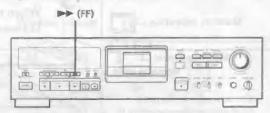
To resume recording, press the REC • button. The deck will change to recording pause.

When using a new tape

Before you record on a new tape, we recommend that you fast forward the whole tape and then rewind to the beginning to make the tape reel smoothly.

Locating the End of the Recorded Portion (End Search)

When recording from the middle of a tape, use End Search to locate the end of the recorded portion. This will prevent the creation of a blank section on the tape.



Press >> (FF) with the deck stopped.

The deck locates the end of the recorded portion (the beginning of the blank portion or the position of the end ID), then stops

The deck stops at the beginning of any blank section that is 9 seconds or longer, or fast-forwards to the end of the tape if the tape is blank.



When you press the REC button while in a blank section

The deck rewinds the tape to the beginning of the blank section and changes to recording pause. "BLANK" and "WAIT" appear in the display while the deck is searching for the beginning of the blank section.

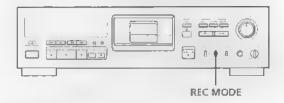
Note

End Search does not operate if you press the ►► (FF) button while in a blank section.

Setting the Recording Mode

You can select either of two recording modes standard or long—in the following cases.

- When recording an analog input signal with the INPUT switch set to ANALOG
- When recording a digital input signal with a sampling frequency of 32 kHz with the INPUT switch set to OPT or COAXIAL.



Set REC MODE to select the recording mode.

The following table shows the selectable recording modes and corresponding REC MODE position and sampling frequency for various input signals.

Input signal	REC MODE position	Recording mode
Analog	STANDARD (48 kHz)	Standard play (48 kHz)
	STANDARD (44.1kHz)	Standard play (44.1 kHz)
	LONG	Long play (32 kHz)
Digital (32 kHz)	STANDARD (48 kHz)	Standard play
	STANDARD (44.1kHz)	(32 kHz)
	LONG	Long play (32 kHz)
Digital (44.1 kHz)	STANDARD (48 kHz)	Standard play
	STANDARD (44.1kHz)	(44.1 kHz) (Standard play only)
	LONG	
Digital (48 kHz)	STANDARD (48 kHz)	Standard play
	STANDARD (44.1kHz)	(48 kHz) (Standard play only)
	LONG	5111,77

The recording time in long-play mode (the REC MODE switch set to LONG) is twice as long as standard-play mode.

The LONG indicator lights up in the display while playing or recording in long-play mode.



The counter in long-play mode

The displayed tape running time, absolute time and remaining time on the tape are for standard-play mode. Double the time to obtain the corresponding times for long-play mode.

Note

Do not change the INPUT or REC MODE setting while recording. This may cause an error in the "PGM TIME" (playing time of the track) display.

Using the SBM (Super Bit Mapping) Function

The SBM function uses the principles of human hearing and noise-shaping technology to reduce quantizing noise within the frequency band. You can use the SBM function to record analog input signal only when the INPUT switch is set to ANALOG and the REC MODE switch to STANDARD (either 48 kHz or 44.1kHz).



Set SBM to ON.

The SBM indicator lights up in the display during recording using the SBM function.

To turn the SBM function off

Set SBM to OFF.

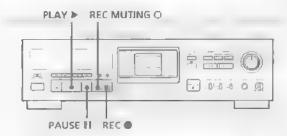
Note

The SBM function operates only during recording. The improved sound produced by the SBM function, however, can be enjoyed during playback, regardless of the SBM switch position or the DAT deck being used.

Inserting a Sound-Muted Section While Recording (Record Muting)

Use Record Muting to insert a space of about 0.5 to 9.5 seconds between tracks.

For details on setting the duration of the blank space, see "Menu Operations" ("REC MUTE") on page 19.



Press REC MUTING O where you want to insert a space while the deck is recording or in recording pause.

The REC indicator in the display starts flashing and tape transport continues, but no signal is recorded. After inserting a space, the REC and II indicators in the display stay on and the deck changes to recording pause.

To insert a blank space (of a duration different from that preset by menu setting)

Hold down the REC MUTING-O button as long as you want.

When you release the REC MUTING O button, the REC and the II indicators stay on and the deck changes to recording pause.

When the preset duration has passed, the REC indicator begins to flash faster and the MARGIN indication shows how long the REC MUTING O button has been pressed.

To insert a blank space of a duration shorter than the preset value

Press REC • while the REC indicator is flashing. The deck starts recording again

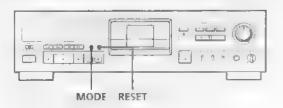
To resume recording Press PAUSE ■ or PLAY

Note

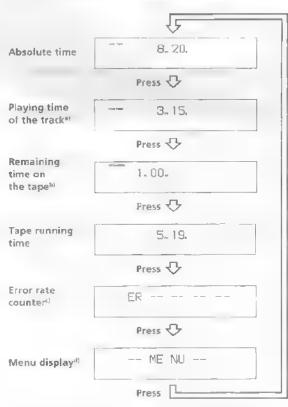
If you do not create a sound-muted section at the beginning of a tape, you may not be able to move or erase a start ID (see page 15) that is recorded within 2 seconds from the beginning of the tape.

About the Display

You can use the display to show the tape running time, absolute time, playing time of the track, remaining time on the tape, error rate, and menu display.



Press MODE (or COUNTER MODE on the remote). Each time you press the button, the display changes as follows.



- a) the playing time of the track will not be displayed when the "P-IMDISP" is set to "--" (see page 20).
- b) In the case of a premastered tape, the remaining time is to the end of the recorded portion.
- c) Numeric characters appear only during playback. During recording or pause, the counter shows "FR -----". For details on the error rate counter, see "Notes on the error rate counter" on page 13.
- d) Menu display appears only when the deck is empty, stopped, or paused. For details on how to access various menu settings, see "Menu Operations" on page 19.

To reset the tape running time

Press RESET (or COUNTER RESET on the remote).

Notes

- When playing certain types of premastered tapes, "BB" may appear momentarily in the display at the beginning of the tape.
- The playing time of the track does not appear in the following cases:
 - When you start playing from the middle of the track
 During rewinding
- In standard-play mode, the remaining time on the tape appears about 16 seconds after you start playing.
- The displayed remaining time may vary somewhat from the actual remaining time, depending on the tape.

Notes on the error rate counter

The counter shows the error rate of the audio signal being played back for both playback heads A and B. The four digits on the right and the left show the error rate detected on the playback heads A and B, respectively. When no error is detected, "0000" appears for the respective playback head. Since the recording of single audio channel takes both heads, the error detected for the playback head A or B does not necessarily correspond to the error on the L or R channel.

Notes

- The counter may temporarily show high rate in the following cases:
 - when you play a portion recorded with INPUT or REC mode setting has been changed during recording.
- when you monitor the sound at high speed.
- the transition from one recording to another or beginning or the end of the tape is being played.
- The display returns to the absolute time indication when you press:
 - the OPEN/CLOSE button
 - the ID RENUMBER, ID REHEARSAL, WRITE, or ERASE button.

If the ERR indicator flashes in the display or the error rate counter remains in positive value for **I** seconds or more

- The playback head is dirty. Clean the head with the DAT cleaning cassette (see page 21).
- · The tape is defective or damaged.

If the EMPHASIS indicator lights up in the display

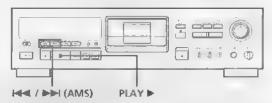
The deck is playing an audio signal recorded with emphasis (in the higher frequencies). The deck, however, plays the signal while automatically deemphasizing it (with attenuation proportional to the degree of emphasis).

If "THINTAPE" appears in the display

A cassette over 130 minutes long is inserted.

Locating ■ Track (AMS*/Direct Access)

You can locate the tracks in a number of ways, but only after you have recorded start IDs on the tape (see pages 15 to 17). To use Direct Access, program numbers must be recorded on the tape (see pages 15, 16 and 18).



To locate	Do the following:
The beginning of the next or succeeding tracks (AMS)	Press >>> (AMS) as many times as you want while playing. For example, to locate the second track ahead, press twice.
The beginning of the current track (AMS)	Press ► (AMS) once while playing.
The beginning of preceding tracks (AMS)	Press (AMS) as many times as you want while playing. For example, to locate the second track behind, press three times.
By specifying the program number of a track (Direct Access)	 1 Enter the program number of the track with the number buttons. 2 Press ▷ (or PLAY ▶ on the principal)

^{*} AMS = Automatic Music Sensor.



If you enter the wrong program number during Direct Access

If you haven't pressed the ▷ button, press the CLEAR button on the remote, then enter the correct number. If you have already pressed the ▷ button, pressing the CLEAR button will not erase the wrong program number. Stop the deck and reenter the program number.



If the deck detects a blank section of 9 seconds or more, end ID, or the end of the tape (Auto Rewind)

The deck rewinds the tape automatically to its beginning and stops.



You can make the deck start playing automatically from the beginning of the tape after rewinding (Auto Play)

Press PLAY ▶ while holding down ◄ (REW).

Playing Tracks Repeatedly (Repeat Play)

You can play a specific track or all the tracks on the tape repeatedly.



Playing all tracks repeatedly

Press REPEAT repeatedly while playing a track until the REPEAT indicator lights up in the display. The deck will play all tracks 5 times, then stops. It the deck detects either of the following during Repeat Play, it will rewind the tape to its beginning and start playing again.

- A blank section of ₱ seconds or more.
- The end of the tape or the end ID

To stop playing all tracks repeatedly

Press REPEAT repeatedly until the REPEAT indicator goes off.

Note

Repeat Play of all tracks is conceled when you take out the cassette.

Playing a track repeatedly

Press REPEAT repeatedly while playing the track you want to repeat until the REPEAT indicator lights up in the display.

The deck plays the current track 5 times and then stops.

If the deck detects any of the following during Repeat Play, it will rewind the tape to the start ID of the current track and starts playing again from that position.

- The next start ID
- A blank section of 9 seconds or more
- The end of the tape or end ID
- A skip ID with Skip Play activated

To stop playing a track repeatedly

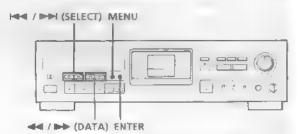
Press REPEAT repeatedly until the REPEAT 1 indicator goes off.

Note

Repeat Play of a single track is canceled when you take out the cassette.

Playing Tracks Skipping Specific Portions During Playback (Skip Play)

Please note that skip IDs (see page 15) must be written on the tape before you can use Skip Play.



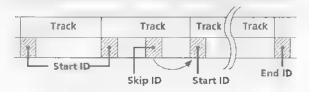
- 1 While the deck is stopped or paused, press MENU repeatedly until "-MENU-" appears in the display.
- Press (SELECT) repeatedly to select "SKIPPLAY."
- 3 Press ◄◄/►► (DATA) to select "on." "on" indication flashes in the display.
- Press ENTER. The SKIP PLAY indicator lights up in the display. When the deck detects a skip ID, it fast-forwards the tape to next start ID, then resumes playing.

To cancel Skip Play

Do steps 1 to 4 above to set "SKIPPLAY" to "+."
The SKIP PLAY indicator goes off

About Sub Codes

In the DAT format, control codes, or sub codes, such as start IDs, skip IDs, and end ID can be recorded on the tape with the audio signal. Since sub codes are written on the tape separately from the audio signal, they have no effect on the audio signal.



Start IDs

Start JDs indicate the start of a track, and therefore allow you to locate the position of a track precisely. The start IDs are 9 seconds in length (18 seconds in long-play mode) to enable easy detection during fast-forwarding or rewinding.

Program numbers

Program numbers serve as track numbers. Occupying the same position as start IDs, w program numbers allow you to locate specific tracks or play tracks in a specific order.

Skip IDs

Skip IDs indicate tracks or recorded portions that are to be skipped while playing. Skip IDs are 1 second in length (2 seconds in long-play mode).

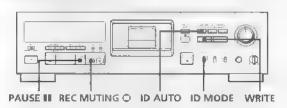
End ID

An end ID indicates the end of a recording. An end ID is 9 seconds in length (18 seconds in long-play mode). When an end ID is detected during playback, playback stops and the deck rewinds the tape to its beginning. If an end ID is detected during fast-forwarding, the tape stops at that point and deck becomes ready for recording from that point.

Notes

- All tape operation buttons do not work during the writing or erasing of sub codes.
- Writing and erasing of sub-codes and renumbering of program numbers are impossible if the record-protect hole on the DAT cassette is open (see page 9).

Writing Sub Codes During Recording

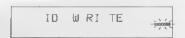


Writing start IDs manually during recording

1 Set ID MODE to START

during this time.

Press WRITE. "ID WRITE" appears in the display for a few seconds and the start ID is written on the tape. The START ID indicator flashes in the display



Note

The interval between start IDs must be more than 18 seconds (36 seconds in long-play mode). If the interval is less than 18 seconds (or 36 seconds), the deck may fail to detect the second start ID while playing a tape.

Writing start IDs automatically during recording

- Set ID MODE to START.
- 2 Press ID AUTO repeatedly until the AUTO indicator lights up in the display.

For details on the condition for the automatic writing of start IDs, see "Automatic writing of start IDs during recording" on page 6, and "Menu Operations" on pages 19 and 20.

Writing program numbers during recording

Program numbers occupy the same positions as the start IDs and are determined by depending on the following conditions:

When a program number is displayed

The next program number rises by one above when the next start ID is written.

(Continued)

When no program number is displayed ("--" appears instead)

Program numbers are not written even when start IDs are written. To write program numbers, rewind the tape to the nearest start ID to display the program number, and then locate the position where you want to start recording.

When you record from the beginning of the tape
The program number will start with 1. However, you
can change the program number assigned to the first
track by setting the "FIRST(PGM NO.)" menu (see page
20)

Specifying the program number to be assigned .

- 1 Pause recording.
- Press the number button(s) to input the program number you want to assign. The number appears in the display. To cancel the number, press the CLEAR button on the supplied remote.
- 3 Start recording.
 A start ID and the assigned program number are written simultaneously.

Note

During automatic start II) writing the positioning of some start IDs may be inaccurately or inappropriately positioned away from the beginning of the track. If this happens, you can reposition or erase the start IDs later (see "Accurate positioning of sub codes" on this page and page 17, and "Erasing Sub Codes" on page 18).

Writing skip IDs manually during recording

- Set ID MODE to SKIP.
- 2 Press WRITE
 The skip ID is written on the tape. The SKIP ID indicator flashes in the display during this time.

Writing an end ID during recording

- When the recording of the program source comes to an end, press PAUSE II or REC MUTING O. Recording is paused.
- 2 Set ID MODE to END.

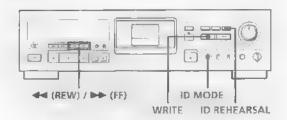
3 Press WRITE.

"ID WRITE" or "EE" appears in the display while the end ID is being written. When writing has finished, the record pause mode

is canceled and the deck rewinds the tape to the beginning of the end ID.

Writing Sub Codes During Playback

You can write start IDs, skip IDs, or an end ID during playback.



- 1 Set ID MODE to the position for the type of ID you want to write.
- 2 Press WRITE

"(WRITE)" appears in the display while the deck rewinds to the point where you pressed the button, and then "ID WRITE" appears in the display for a few seconds and the specified ID is written on the tape.

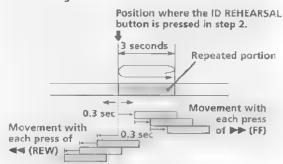
Accurate positioning of sub codes (Rehearsal function)

- Set ID MODE to the position for the type of ID you want to write.
- During playback, press ID REHEARSAL when you arrive at the proper position. "REHRSL" appears, the corresponding ID indication flashes in the display and the Rehearsal function repeats a 3-second portion containing the selected position. The repeated portion plays back 8 times, with the remaining number of times appearing to the right of the "REHRSL." After 8 times, the deck stops.
 In the case of a start ID, the 3-second repeated portion starts from the point where you pressed the ID REHEARSAL button.

In the case of a skip ID or an end ID, the 3-second repeated portion ends at the point where you pressed the ID REHEARSAL button.

3 Press (REW) or ►► (FF) to move the beginning of the repeated portion.
Each time you press the (REW) or ►► (FF) button, the beginning of the repeated portion shifts backwards or forwards in 0.3-second increments, up to a maximum extent of about 2 seconds (4 seconds in long-play mode) in either direction.

When writing a start ID



When writing a skip ID or an end ID

button is pressed in step 2.

3 seconds

Repeated portion

0.3 sec

Movement with
each press

of >>> (FF)

Position where the ID REHEARSAL

The time in the display shows the shift in position from the time the ID REHEARSAL button was pressed.

Example: Positioning Start ID

After pressing ► (FF) twice

each press of ◄◄ (REW) ;==

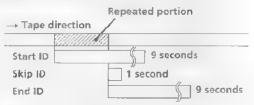


4 Press WRITE to write the ID.

"(WRITE)" appears in the display while the deck rewinds to the point where you pressed the button, and then "ID WRITE" appears for a few seconds and the ID is written on the tape at the selected position.

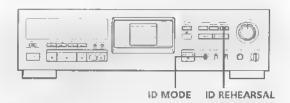
- Start IDs are 9 seconds long starting from the beginning of the repeated portion.
- Skip IDs are 1 second long starting from the end of the repeated portion.
- An end ID is 9 seconds long starting from the end of the repeated portion.

Newly written IDs positioned by the Rehearsal function



Adjusting the Position of an Existing Start

You can adjust the position of previously recorded start IDs.



1 Set ID MODE to START.

2 During playback, press ID REHEARSAL when the existing start ID you want to reposition is displayed.

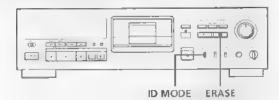
The deck rewinds to the beginning of start ID and Rehearsal repeats a 3-second portion.

Do steps 3 and 4 of "Accurate positioning of sub codes (Rehearsal function)" on this page. You can move the start ID to a maximum extent of about 2 seconds (4 seconds in long-play mode) in either direction from its original position.

Notes

- Start IDs written within 10 seconds from the end of the tape may be difficult or impossible to move.
- · Existing skip IDs or an end ID cannot be moved.

Erasing Sub Codes



1 Set ID MODE to the position for the type of ID you want to erase.

2 To erase a start ID or skip ID

Press ERASE when the ID you want to erase appears in the display.

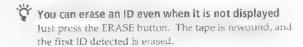
"(ERASE)" appears in the display as the deck rewinds to the beginning of the ID, then "ID ERASE" appears as the deck erases the ID. In the case of a skip ID, if the SKIP ID indicator has been turned off by the time you press ERASE, the deck will still crase the skip ID.

To erase an end ID

Press ERASE.

"(ERASE)" appears in the display while the deck fast-forwards to the beginning of the end ID, then "ID ERASE" appears while the deck erases the end ID.

- It takes 9 seconds to erase a start ID.
- It takes I second to erase a skip ID.
- · It takes 9 seconds to erase an end ID.
- Program numbers are erased together with start IDs.





See page 10.

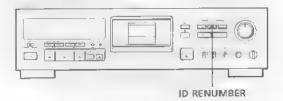
Note

A skip ID written at the same position of a start ID is erased when the start ID is erased.

Renumbering the Program Numbers Automatically (Renumbering)

Renumbering searches for each start ID from the beginning of the tape and assigns a new program number to each one starting with 1. Use Renumbering function in the following cases:

- · When you've added a start ID while playing the tape
- When a program number is missing due to an erased start ID
- When you began recording from the middle of the tape and wrote a program number that already exists, or when one of the the start IDs has no program number.



Press ID RENUMBER while the deck is stopped or playing.

The RENUMBER indicator flashes in the display and the tape is automatically rewound to its beginning. The deck then starts searching for each successive start ID writing a new program number for each one starting with 1. The RENUMBER indicator stops flashing and "ID WRITE" appears in the display for a few seconds as the deck begins rewriting the program numbers.

After renumbering is finished, the deck rewinds the tape automatically to its beginning, then stops.

You can specify the first program number to be assigned to the first track

For details, see "Menu Operations" ("FIRST(PGM NO.)") on page 20.

Note

Renumbering function may not function correctly when:

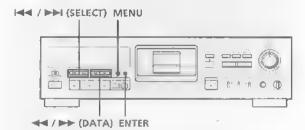
- · A blank section exists on the tape.
- The interval between two start IDs is less than 18 seconds (36 seconds in long-play mode).
- A start ID exists within 10 seconds from the end of the tape.

Menu Operations

You can make various settings and examine internal conditions of the deck through menu operations. Settings made through menu are memorized even when the deck is turned off.

Note

You can do menu operations only when the deck is empty, stopped or paused.



Making menu settings

- 1 Press MENU repeatedly until "--MENU—" appears in the display.
- 2 Press ► /► (SELECT) repeatedly to select the menu.
- 3 Press ◄◄/►► (DATA) repeatedly to select the parameter.
 The selected parameter flashes.
- 4 Press ENTER.
 The selected setting lights up
- 5 Press MENU again. The deck becomes ready for operation.

Menu descriptions

A brief explanation is given below for each menu, including their settings or setting range, factory setting, and reference pages.

SET ID6

Selects the copy information to be written on the tape when recording the analog signal or the IEC-958 digital signal for broadcasting studio use input from the DIGITAL COAXIAL IN jack.

Settings: 00 (copying permitted), 10 (copying prohibited), 11 (one generation copy only)

Factory setting: 00 Reference page: 5

REC MUTE (RECord MUTing duration)

Sets the duration of the sound-muted section created between tracks by the Record Muting function.

Setting range: 0.5 to 9.5 seconds (in units of 0.5 second)

Factory setting: 4 seconds Reference page: 12

L-SY TH (Level-5Ync THreshold)

Sets the reference input level for automatic writing of start IDs.

Setting range: -12 to -60 dB (in units of 1 dB)

Factory setting: -45 dB Reference pages: 6, 15, 20

L-SY BK (Level-SYnc Blank time)

Sets the length of time that the input signal must remain below the reference level before automatic writing of start IDs begin.

Setting range: 1 to 10 seconds (in units of 1 second)

Factory setting: 3 seconds Reference pages: 6, 15, 20

IEC S-ID (IEC Start-ID)

Specifies if start IDs (or skip IDs) are automatically detected and written on the tape when recording from a DAT deck connected to the DIGITAL COAXIAL or OPTICAL IN jack.

Settings: on (start IDs (or skip IDs) are
automatically detected and written),
-- (writing of the start IDs (or skip IDs) is
determined by the settings of the L-SY
TH and L-SY BK menus)

Factory setting: on Reference pages: 6, 15, 20

IEC CD-Q (IEC CD-Q code)

Specifies if start IDs are written automatically whenever a Q code defined by the user's bits on the CD is detected while recording from a CD player connected to the DIGITAL COAXIAL or OPTICAL IN jack.

Settings: on (a Q code is detected and written as a start ID automatically),

-- (writing of the start IDs is determined by the settings of the L-SY TH and L-SY BK menus)

Factory setting: on Reference pages: 6, 15, 20

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Menu Operations

SKIPPLAY (SKIP PLAY)

Selects if the deck detects skip IDs and fast-forwards the tape to the next start ID during playback.

Settings: on (the deck detects skip IDs),

-- (the deck does not detect skip IDs)

Factory setting: --Reference page: 14

Automatic writing of start IDs and menu settings during digital recording

The automatic detection and writing of start IDs are carried out according to the jack to which the program source is connected, the signal format, and the category code of the signal, as shown in the table below.

- A: Start IDs are detected and written automatically.
- B: Q codes are detected and written as start IDs automatically.
- C: The writing of start IDs is determined by the settings of the L-SY FH and L-SY BK menus.

Menu settinas

Jack	COAXIAL	COA)	(IAL/OP	TICAL
Signal format	Broadcast studio use	Consumer use		
Category	_	DAT	ÇĐ	Others
IEC S-ID on	V.s	A	_	С
TEC-S-ID	C	C	_	(
IEC CD-Q on	_		R	(
TEC CD-Q =	_		C	C

Only when connected to the PCM-2300, PCM-2700, or PCM-2700A

P-TMDISP (Program TiMe DISPlay)

Specifies if the track playing time is displayed when the MODE button is pressed.

Settings: on (the track playing time is displayed),
-- (the track playing time is not

displayed)

Factory setting: on Reference page: 12

FIRST(PGM NO.) (FIRST ProGraM NO.)

Specifies the first program number to be assigned to the first track when recording from the beginning of the tape or using the Renumbering function.

Setting range: 1 to 99 Factory setting: 1 Reference pages: 16, 18

TAPEID6 (ID6 on TAPE)

Displays the copy information of the tape currently inserted.

Indications: 00 (copying permitted), 10 (copying prohibited), 11 (one generation copy

only)

Reference page: 5

DIF (Digital Input signal Format)

Shows the format of the digital input signal from the connecter selected by the INPUT switch. Use this menu while the deck is in recording pause or while you are monitoring the program source.

Displays: -- (the INPUT switch is set to

"ANALOG" or no digital signal is input),

NON AU (non-audio-format signal in input; not recordable on this deck), PRO (signal for broadcast studio use is

input),

DAT (signal is input from # DAT deck for consumer use),

CD (signal is input from a CD player for consumer use),

MD (signal is input from a MD deck for consumer use),

GEN (signal is input from a BS tuner

OTHER (signal is input from other components than described above)

Reference page: 6

HOUR (HOURs meter)

Displays the total drum operating time for periodic check-up.

Display range: 0 to 9999 hours (in units of 1 hour)

INIT SET (INITial SETting)

Resets all the menu settings to factory settings.

Settings: on (resets the menu settings),

-- (does not reset the menu settings)

Factory setting: --

Precautions

On safety

- Do not disassemble the cabinet as this may result in an electric shock. Refer servicing to qualified personnel only.
- Should any solid object or liquid fall into the cabinet, unplug the AC power cord before operating the unit any further.

On power sources

- Before operating the unit, check that its operating voltage is identical with your local power supply. The operating voltage is indicated on the nameplate at the rear of the unit.
- If you are not going to use the unit for a long time, be sure to disconnect the AC power cord (mains lead) from the wall outlet. To disconnect the cord, grasp the plug itself; never pull the cord.
- AC power cord must be changed only at the qualified service shop.

On operation

If the unit is brought directly from a cold place to a warm place, or is placed in a very damp room, moisture may condense inside the unit, "CAUTION" may appear in the display, and the unit may not operate. If this happens, leave the unit turned on for about an hour until the moisture evaporates. Then turn the unit off, then on again.

On placement

- Place the unit in a location with adequate ventilation to prevent heat build-up.
- . Do not place the unit:
 - on a soft surface such as a rug that might block the ventilation holes on the bottom.
 - near heat sources.
 - in direct sunlight.
 - in an inclined position.
 - in a place subject to excessive dust or mechanical shock.

On the tapes

- After using a tape, put it into its case and keep it where it will not be subject to sunlight, high temperature, moisture or dust.
- The DAT cassette shell is designed to keep out dust. Do not open the case to expose the tape.
- The hole at the back of the cassette is the detector slot. Do not cover this slot.

Regarding tapes of over 130 minutes

Do not use thin-tape cassettes (with a playing time of over 130 minutes) to record important material since such cassettes are subject to the following problems:

- Improper threading of the tape after repeated AMS, rewinding, fast-forwarding, or cueing operations.
- Incorrect writing and erasing of start IDs.
- Sound distortion.

"THINTAPE" appears in the display when you insert such cassettes.

If you have any questions or problems concerning your unit, please consult your nearest Sony dealer.

Cleaning

Cleaning the cabinet, panel and controls

Use a soft cloth slightly moistened with a mild detergent solution. Do not use any type of abrasive pad, scouring powder or solvent such as alcohol or benzine.

Cleaning the head and tape path

- Prolonged operation will cause contamination of the head. To obtain the best possible recording and playback sound, we recommend that you use the Sony DT-10CL cleaning cassette (not supplied) to clean the head after every ten hours or so of operation.
- Clean the head with the cleaning cassette when the deck has not been used for a long period of time.
 Contamination of the head may cause sound dropout during playback.

Using the cleaning cassette

- 1 Insert the cleaning cassette as you would a normal DAT cassette.
- 2 Press PLAY ► After 10 seconds, press STOP ■.
 Do not press the REC or ►► (FF) button for cleaning.
- 3 Remove the cleaning cassette without rewinding it. You should rewind the cleaning cassette only when it has reached the end.

Notes on cleaning

- After 10 hours of operation, "CLEANING" appears in the display for about ten seconds when you turn on the deck. It is recommended that you clean the head and tape path periodically, using this message as a guide.
- Due to the shortness of the cleaning cassette, the counter will not show the actual running time and remaining time of the cassette.

Display Messages

The following table explains the various messages that appear in the display.

Message	Meaning	
BLANK	The deck is searching for the beginning of the blank section on the tape.	
CAUTION	A safety mechanism is operating because of condensation or other reasons.	
CLEANING	Cleaning the head and tape path is recommended. After about 10 hours of deck use, this message appears for about 10 seconds whenever you turn on the deck.	
(ERASE)	The deck is searching for the beginning of the sub code to be erased.	
ID ERASE	A sub code is being erased.	
ID WRITE	A sub code is being written.	
MENU	The menu operation is possible.	
NOTAPE	A cassette is not inserted into the deck.	
REHRSL	Rehearsal function is on.	
SOURCE	The deck has been in recording pause for about 10 minutes, or you've pressed the REC • button while no cassette is in the deck or the cassette is record-protected.	
TAPE END	The tape has come to the end of the recorded portion.	
TAPE TOP	The tape has reached its beginning.	
THINTAPE	A cassette over 130 minutes long is inserted.	
UNLOCK	No digital signal is being input to the jack that you selected with the INPUT switch.	
WAIT	The deck is searching for the beginning of the blank section on the tape.	
(WRITE)	The deck is rewinding the tape to the position where the sub code is written.	

Troubleshooting

If you've experienced any of the following difficulties while using the deck, use this section as a guide to remedy the problem. Should any problem persist, consult your nearest Sony dealer.

The cassette holder does not close.

- Check that the cassette is inserted correctly (see pages 7 and 8).
- Insert the cassette beyond the silver bar (see pages 7 and 8).

The function buttons do not work.

- → The deck has just been turned on and will not operate for about 4 seconds. Wait 4 seconds (10 seconds when "CLEANING" appears) before attempting any operation.
- → The PAUSE III button is activated. Press PAUSE III to cancel pause.
- → The tape has reached its end. Press ◄◄ (REW) to rewind the tape.

No sound

- → Make the proper connections (see page 5).
- → The connected amplifier is not being operated properly. Operate the amplifier as required for the respective deck operation. (Refer to the operating instructions of the amplifier.)

The deck does not record.

- → The record-protect hole on the cassette is open. Slide the record-protect tab to close the hole (see page 9).
- The INPUT switch is incorrectly set. Set INPUT to the correct position.
- The REC LEVEL control is set at 0. Turn REC LEVEL clockwise to raise the recording level (only during analog recording).

The OPEN/CLOSE & button does not work.

→ The OPEN/CLOSE button does not function during recording. Press STOP ■ or PAUSE ■ to stop recording first, then press OPEN/CLOSE b.

"CAUTION" appears and the deck cannot be operated.

→ A safety mechanism is operating because of condensation. Remove the cassette and leave the deck turned on for about an hour. Then turn the deck off, then on again (see page 21).

Writing or erasing of sub codes is not possible.

→ The record-protect hole on the cassette is open. Slide the record-protect tab to close the hole (see page 9).

Start ID writing is not possible during recording.

→The start ID cannot be written within 9 seconds (18 seconds in long-play mode) after the end of the previous start ID. Make sure at least 9 seconds (18 seconds in the long-play mode) has passed after the last start ID and before writing new one.

The search function does not work.

- → The specified program number does not exist on the tape. Renumber the program numbers (see page 18).
- The program numbers are out of order. Renumber the program numbers (see page 18).

The search function operates suddenly during playback.

- → Skip Play is on. Set the SKIPPLAY menu to "-" (see page 20).
- Repeat Play is on. Press REPEAT on the remote repeatedly to turn off the REPEAT or REPEAT 1 indicator in the display and cancel Repeat Play (see page 14).

The tape operation buttons do not function while writing or erasing a sub code.

→ All buttons do not work during the 9 seconds the start ID or end ID is being written or erased (18 seconds in long-play mode) or during the 1 second the skip ID is being written or erased (2 seconds in long-play mode). Wait until the writing or erasing the start, skip or end ID finishes before operation.

Absolute time codes writing is not possible

Recording began within a blank section. Rewind the tape to its beginning, or locate the end of the recorded portion with End Search before starting recording.

Tape transport is excessively loud during fast-forwarding or rewinding.

The noise is caused by the cassette and is not a mechanical problem.

The tape stops suddenly.

The cassette is defective or damaged.
Press OPEN/CLOSE and replace the cassette with a new one.

When pressing ◀ (REW)/►► (FF) or I◀ /►► (AMS), the tape stops momentarily before starting to move.

→ This is normal and is not a mechanical problem.

The deck cannot be operated with the remote.

→ The battery is weak. Change both batteries.

The SBM indicator does not light up in the display even though SBM is set to ON.

The SBM indicator lights up only during the recording of analog input signals with a sampling frequency of 48 kHz or 44.1 kHz, not during the recording of ■ digital input signal, an analog input signal with a sampling frequency of 32 kHz, or during playback.

A particular operation cannot be done as you want.

Set the appropriate menu to its default setting (see pages 19 and 20).

Specifications

Recording	section
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ape Digital audio tape

Recording head Rotary head

Recording time Standard: 120 minutes

Long-play: 240 minutes

(DT-120)

Tape speed Standard: 8.15 mm/s

Long-play: 4.075 mm/s

Drum rotation Standard: 2,000 rpm

Long-play: 1,000 rpm

Error correction Double-encoded Reed Solomon code

Tape section

Track pitch 13.6 µm (20.4 µm)

Sampling frequency 48 kHz, 44.1 kHz, 32 kHz

Modulation system 8-10 modulation

Transfer rate 2.46 Mbit/sec

Number of channels 2 channels, stereo

D / A conversion Standard: 16-bit linear (quantization) Long-play: 12-bit non-linear

General section Power requirements

Where purchased	Power requirements		
U.S.A./Canada	120 V AC, 60 Hz		
Europe/U.K	230 V AC, 50/60 Hz		

Power consumption 30 V

Dimensions Approx $432 \times 122 \times 325 \text{ mm (w/h/d)}$

(17 × 4⁷/s ≥ 12 ⁷/s inches) (not including rack mount adaptor)

Weight Approx 5.0 kg (11 lb)

Remote commander RM-D757 (supplied)

Remote control system Infrared control

Power requirements 3V DC, with two size-AA (R6) batteries

Dimensions Approx $45 \times 210 \times 26 \text{ rmm (w/h/d)}$ $(1^{12}/_{16} \times 8^3/_8 \times 1^1/_{16} \text{ inches)}$

Weight Approx 100g (3.5 oz) incl. batteries

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Additional Information

Jack	Туре	Input impedar	nre	Rated input		
ANALOG (LINE)	Phono-phi	ig 47 kilohr	_	–12 dBs		
Digital Input					71-7-7	
Jack	Туре	Input impedar	nce	Rated input level		
COAXIAL	Phono-plu jack	g 75 ohms		0.5 Vp-p		
OPTICAL	Optical jac	k —				
Output jac Analog Outp						
Jack	Туре	Output impedar	nce	Rated output level ^{a)}	Load impedance	
ANALOG (LINE)	Phono-plug	470 ohm	S	-12 dBs	47 kilohms	
PHONES	Stereo phone- 100 ohms plug jack			0.36 mW	32 ohms	
Digital Outp	ut	- 11 10 10	A			
Jack	- W - W	Output impedance	Rat		Load impedance	
COAXIAL	Phono- plug jack	75 ohms	ohms 0.5 Vp-p		75 ohms	
OPTICAL	Optical jack			ivelength: — Inm		
Audia cha	vo etovietico			- 11		
			tandard: 20-20,000 Hz (±0.5 dB) ong-play: 20-14,500 Hz (±0.5 dB)			
-		90 dB or mo filter ON)	0 dB or more (20 kHz LPF, A-Weight ilter ON)			
Total harmo	nic distortion					
Lo (1		Long-play: (1 kHz, Refi	tandard: 0.05% or less ong-play: 0.3% or less kHz, Reference level ^a 20 kHz LPF N)			
		ON)				

- a) The reference level corresponds to -20 dB on the peak level meters.
- b) During analog input with the SBM function off

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Switches

ID MODE 15 - 18 INPUT 8 POWER 7,8 REC MODE 11 SBM 11

Controls

PHONE LEVEL 7 REC LEVEL CH-1 (L)/2 (R) 9

Jacks

ANALOG (LINE) IN/OUT 5 DIGITAL COAXIAL IN/OUT 5 DIGITAL OPTICAL IN/OUT 5 PHONES 7

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